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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR GRUMMAN GULF-
STREAM G-II

REF: STATE 026917; ABU DHABI 0140

1. CONGEN DID NOT RECEIVE ABU DHABI 0121, AND IS THERE-
FORE NOT AWARE OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING REFTTEL, BUT
CAN PROVIDE LOCAL BACKGROUND. GRUMMAN REP RICHARD R.
HODGE CALLED AT CONGEN JAN 15 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF
BRINGING GULFSTREAM G-II EXECUTIVE JET TO PAKISTAN FOR
USE AS "SHUTTLE AIRCRAFT" DURING ISLAMIC SUMMIT. DPO
SUGGESTED HODGE WORK THROUGH LOCAL AGENT TO APPROACH
GOP. ON SAME DAY, HODGE WROTE LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER
BHUTTO SEEKING APPROVAL FOR GULFSTREAM AIRCRAFT TO ENTER
PAKISTAN FEB 19 OR 20 TO BRING PRIME MINISTER TO ISLAMIC
SUMMIT FROM ISLAMABAD OR "ANY OTHER POINT." PERMISSION
WAS ALSO SOUGHT TO MAKE LOCAL DEMONSTRATION FLIGHTS FROM
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LAHORE TO OTHER POINTS IN PAKISTAN DURING CONFERENCE.

(ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT MENTION IT IN HIS LETTER, HODGE NOTED TO US THAT HE WOULD NEED ASSURANCES OF FUEL BEFORE HE COULD PERFORM INDICATED SERVICES.)

2. LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF GRUMMAN AVIATION IS IRSHAD ULLAH KHAN, CHAIRMAN OF ZAMINOS (PAKISTAN) LIMITED OF LAHORE. KHAN S UP AND COMING BUSINESSMAN WELL-KNOWN TO CONGEN. PARTNER IN INTERPRISE IS SALMAN UL-HAQUE, ANOTHER YOUNG BUSINESSMAN WHO IS WELL CONNECTED POLITICALLY. AS OF JAN 30, NEITHER KHAN NOR HAQUE HAD HEARD ANY REACTION TO HODGE LETTER, BUT SEEMED OPTIMISTIC THAT GOP WOULD GRANT NECESSARY PERMISSION.

3. ON JAN 27, PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PTDC) TOLD DPO HE BELIEVED THERE MIGHT BE SCOPE FOR SEVERAL US AIRCRAFT COMPANIES TO BRING EXECUTIVE JETS TO PAKISTAN DURING SUMMIT TO FERRY VISITORS ON NUMBER OF "AIR SAFARIS" PLANNED BY GOP. HE SUGGESTED THAT DPO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH PTDC MANAGING DIRECTOR COWASJEE AND ARRANGED APPOINTMENT ON JAN 29. COWASJEE (AND LATER, GOP TOURISM MINISTER RAJA TRIDIV ROY) CALLED PROPOSAL "INTERESTING" BUT OPINED THAT DEFENSE MINISTRY AND OTHER SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS WOULD VETO IT. FOR THIS REASON, AND DESPITE OTHER INDICATIONS THAT SIGNIFICANT SALES POSSIBILITIES EXISTED, CONGEN HAS NOT PURSUED SUBJECT FURTHER.

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